

### *Civil Rights Leader Representative Jim Clyburn to Attend*

Las Cruces-NM, Today, Saturday, February 20th Congressman Harry Teague will host a forum in honor of Black History Month with civil rights leader Congressman Jim Clyburn of South Carolina. Ambassador Delano Lewis and Lola Hesterick of the Las Cruces NAACP will help to lead the discussion focused on the future of the civil rights movement in America.

Jim Clyburn was born and raised in Sumter, South Carolina. He is the eldest son of a fundamentalist minister and a beautician and graduated from South Carolina State University in Orangeburg with a bachelor's degree in history.

Clyburn was a leading member of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), which was affiliated with Martin Luther King Jr.'s Southern Leadership Conference. He organized the state's first sit-ins in 1960, and met his wife, Emily, while in jail.

A veteran political and civil rights activist, Jim Clyburn was elected to Congress when he was 52 years old. He was the first African American to represent South Carolina in Washington in nearly a century.

WHO: Congressman Harry Teague, Congressman Jim Clyburn, Ambassador Delano Lewis, Lola Hesterick NAACP

WHAT: Forum to Honor Black History Month

WHEN: Saturday, February 20th 12:30-1:45

WHERE: New Mexico State University Corbett Center Auditorium (RM 247)

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